THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.V.S.RAO

WRIT PETITION NO.20645 OF 2005

DATED:28.9.2005

Between:

B. Venkataswamy

…Petitioner

And

The Deputy Director of Mines & Geology, Kurnool

and others

…Respondents

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ORDER:

The petitioner was granted quarry lease for limestone slabs and building stone in S.No.448/1 of Abdullapuram Village in Kolimigundla Mandal, Kurnool District. Alleging that official respondents are not preventing illegal quarrying of lime stone slab he initially filed W.P.No.13346 of2005. By order dt.18.7.2005 the Writ Petition was dismissed giving liberty to petitioner to file better affidavit giving all details. Again present Writ Petition is filed alleging that in spite of representations to the second respondent, action was not initiated against respondents 7 to 12, who are carrying on illegal quarrying in the area.

As the matter involves adjudication of loss of huge mineral revenue to the

Government of Andhra Pradesh, this Court thought it fit to order the Director of Mines and Geology, Head of the Department, to file a report about illegal quarrying in Kilimigundla. In obedience thereto, the Director has filed a detailed report before this Court today. The same is made part of record. While tracing the efforts of the Department to prevent illegal quarrying in the area, it is informed that the Department has set up a check post at Bugga, near Kolimigundla to prevent illegal transportation of mineral from Kolimigundla area to Tadipatri. It is also mentioned that as proposed by the Department, the Government in G.O.Ms.No.236, Finance (SMPC) Department, dt.22.9.2005 sanctioned three centralized vigilance units and eight mobile squads for regional office with one such mobile squad at Kurnool.

A reading of the report submitted by the Director of Mines and Geology would belie any contentions of the petitioner that the Department has not taken any action to prevent illegal mining in the area. If there is any illegal mining still going on in the area demised, it shall be open to the official respondents to take appropriate action in the matter.

The Writ Petition with the above observations is accordingly dismissed.

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28.9.2005 (V.V.S.RAO, J)

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